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WIRELESS NETWORKS

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98,
applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents identified below.

The following documents were cited in a PCT International Search Report, mailed
February 14, 2002, for related PCT Application No. PCT/US01/26001, which was filed
on August 24, 2001:

U.S. Patent No. 5,325,362 to AZIZ, which issued June 28, 1994, was cited as a Y-
category document (document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be
considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more
other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art) with
respect to claims 1-23. The relevant passage was indicated to be Figs 8-12;

U.S. Statutory Invention Registration No. H1641 to SHARMAN, which published

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April 1, 1997, was cited as a Y-category document with respect to claims 1-23. The

relevant passage was indicated to be Figs 1-7;

U.S. Patent No. 5,890,054 to LOGSDON et al., which issued March 30, 1999, was

cited as a Y-category document with respect to claims 1-23. The relevant passage was

indicated to be Fig. 3A; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,987,011 to TOH, which issued November 16, 1999, was cited as

a Y-category document with respect to claims 1-23. The relevant passage was indicated

to be Figs 4 and 12.

The following documents appear to relate to the system described in the

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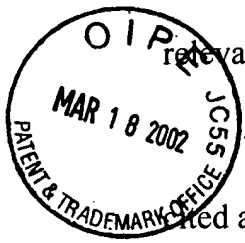
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite all of the above materials. Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also enclosed. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial

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the appropriate spaces on the PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not been issued in the instant application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

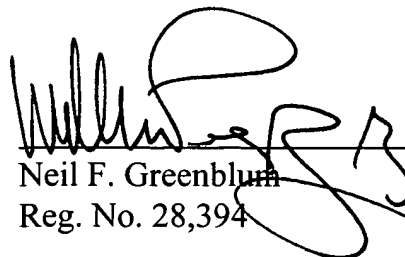
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